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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
E. UHLMANN et al.)
Application No.: 09/835,371) Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: April 17, 2001) Examiner: SIEW
For: POLYAMIDE NUCLEIC ACID)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

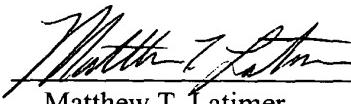
Applicants hereby petition for a four month Extension of Time to file a Response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement of September 17, 2002, extending the response due date to February 19, 2003 (February 17 being a national holiday and the PTO being closed on February 18, 2003). The required fee of \$1,450.00 is attached hereto. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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